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SUBJECT: IEG RESPONDS TO DEMANDS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS
WHILE LABOR SCENE STILL RESTIVE

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1. OVER WEEKEND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS (CM9 GRANTED TEACHERS SALARY INCREASES AMOUNTING TO ETH\$4.7 MILLION "THIS YEAR." (WE ASSUME THIS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION APPLIES TO SECOND HALF CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.) TEACHERS ASSOCIATION HAS REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED IEG OFFER, BUT ADDIS TEACHERS HAVE SO FAR NOT REPORTED TO WORK TODAY.

2. CM ALSO URGED HSIU STUDENTS RETURN CLASSES AND DECIDED ALLOW FORMATION STUDENT UNION, INCLUDING NATIONAL ONE, AND NEWSPAPER. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS OTHER DEMANDS, SUCH AS RESIGNATION UNIV. PRESIDENT, NON-INTERVENTION ON CAMPUS BY OUTSIDE SECURITY FORCES, RELEASE OF DETAINED STUDENTS, ETC. NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER HSIU TEACHERS, WHO DEMANDING GENERAL SOCIAL RE-

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FORMS, WILL BEGIN TEACHING. (LAST WEEK FIVE OUTSPOKEN MEMBERS

HSIU TEACHERS ASSOCIATION WERE DETAINED FOR 24 HOURS.) STUDENTS AND TEACHERS NOW CONSIDERING IEG RESPONSES.

3. PATRIARCH ANNOUNCED "SWEEPING CHANGES" RE SALARY, PENSIONS AND MEDICAL BENEFITS FOR ETHIOPIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH CLERGY AND EMPLOYEES. SALARY ADJUSTMENTS APPEAR BE MINIMAL, REPORTEDLY BECAUSE CHURCH REVENUE SO LOW. (ACCORDING OUR INFO, CHURCH RECEIVES ABOUT ETH\$1.5 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM MINISTRY FINANCE FOR TAXES COLLECTED ON "CHURCH LANDS.")

4. DETAILS ABOVE ITEMS AS WELL AS CONTINUING CAA EMPLOYEES DISPUTE AND RECENT STRIKE AT TOBACCO MONOPOLY APPEARED MARCH 17 ETHIOPIAN HERALD BPPACHED AF/E).

5. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENTS, 3,000 WOMEN REPORTEDLY HELD DEMONSTRATION MARCH 17 TO DEMAND "EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK." WE HEAR REPORTS OF SPORADIC STRIKES BY WORKERS ON LARGE AGRICULTURAL PLANTATIONS IN AWASH VALLEY, THERE ALSO UNCONFIRMED STORIES OF TENANT-LANDLORD DISPUTES IN SHOA PROVINCE COUNTRY-SIDE. (COMMENT: ANY WIDESPREAD AND PROLONGED DISTURBANCES BY TENANTS, ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF ALL ETHIOPIAN FARMERS, WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE SERIOUS REPERCUSSIONS ON COUNTRY'S STABILITY.)

6. FINALLY, LEAFLET SIGNED "ALL THE PROSTITUTES" APPEARED ON STREETS THREATENING STRIKE UNLESS MIDNIGHT CURFEW ON THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS LIFTED AND ANNOUNCING NEW PRICE OF ETH\$20 (DOUBLE PREVIOUS, ACCORDING RELIABLE SOURCES).
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